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Steel Galvanisation
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to mandate the use of galvanised steel in sectors like automobile and construction in order to build corrosion-resistant vehicles and buildings in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the losses incurred and damages caused to the environment on account of steel corrosion in the automobile and infrastructure projects in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to make selling of galvanised steel mandatory in the country and also frame a policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure availability of galvanised steel at reasonable/affordable rates in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): As per information available, Government has no proposal at present to mandate the use of Galvanised Steel Sheets in automobile and construction sectors. However, Ministry of Steel has issued Steel and Steel Product (Quality Control) Order inter-alia covering galvanised (plain/corrugated) steel sheets as covered in Indian Standard IS: 277. The standard prescribes the specification of galvanised steel sheet/ strips/coils for roofing, paneling and lock forming applications.

(c) As per available information in the Ministry of Steel, no such assessment has been carried out by the Government to measure corrosion losses in the country.

(d) As per the Steel and Steel Product (Quality Control) Order vide S.O No. 2173(E) dated 09.09.2008 read with S.O No. 414 dated 12.03.2012 read with General Notes of ITC(HS), 2012, SCHEDULE-I Regarding Import Policy, production, import, sale, distribution of galvanised steel sheets without Standard Mark of Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) is prohibited.

(e) Iron and Steel being a de-regulated sector, pricing of steel products like galvanised stainless sheet is determined by market dynamics. However, there is sufficient production and availability of galvanised plain and corrugated steel sheets in the country. As per available information with Joint Plant Committee (JPC), total production (for sale) of galvanised plain and corrugated sheets in 2015-16 was reported at 7.183 million tonne and India was a net exporter of galvanised plain and corrugated steel sheets.

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